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Subject: RE: 1/28/19 Update on upcoming NPDES Permits for federal hydroelectric dams in WA

Welcome back to you, too! How was the shutdown for you? My family loved having the house clean, meals prepared, and a less stressed out mom/wife. I was ready to come back though!

I've got a more complete update coming up on the permits. FYI that I've just been talking with Yakama Nation, and we have a tentative hold with them for Chris and Dan to go to the Tribal Council on March 5 to discuss the permits.

Hope you're well - Jenny

From: Soscia, Mary Lou
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 5:57 PM
To: Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 1/28/19 Update on upcoming NPDES Permits for federal hydroelectric dams in WA

Welcome Back, Jenny!

So great to see an update from you so soon. 😊

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Happy 2019 - I hope everyone had a good holiday. I'm back in the office after the shutdown and wanted to give you a quick update on a couple of items on the NPDES permits for federal hydroelectric dams in Washington.

1. Ecology public notice on 1/30 – Heads up that Ecology will be going out with a 20-day public notice this Wednesday, 1/30/19, on EPA's request to Ecology for draft 401 certifications on the Lower Snake, Lower Columbia, and Grand Coulee Dam NPDES permits. This will not include the 401 certification. I believe it's a chance for the public to comment on what Ecology should consider in its 401 cert. They have also requested an extension on their 401 certification to us to be issued by February 28, 2019, which we plan to grant.
2. NPDES permits public notice – We still do not have a firm date on when we will go out for public notice on the permits. This is pending several ongoing conversations with EPA HQ, states, tribes, and federal agencies. However, if certain issues are resolved, I'm aiming for the first two weeks of March to go out for public comment on the permits.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you'd like to discuss, please contact me by email or phone at 206-553-6328.

Sincerely,
Jenny Wu